

The Auditorium Sunday School Class

June 14th, 2015

Text: I Corinthians 1:18-25

Title: The Power of the Cross

Introduction: The Gospel of Christ, particularly that part of the Gospel that refers to the cross, is considered foolishness by the world.

- I. The Preaching of the cross has two primary effects:
  - A. To the lost world it is “foolishness.” (18)
    1. Why would Jesus die for me?
    2. Why would Jesus need to die for me?
    3. Why should I give my life to someone I don’t know?
  - B. To he Saved it is “the power of God.”
    1. Human life is transformed by the cross.
    2. The message of the Cross gives boldness.
    3. Human life is energized by the message of the cross.
- II. Paul had to deal with two types of people. (22)
  - A. The Jews wanted something they could see.
  - B. The Greeks wanted something intellectually stimulating.
- III. The Gospel makes no sense to the world today.
  - A. The world is SELFISH but the Gospel is SELFLESS.
  - B. The world sees everything that’s important to them – except Jesus.
  - C. The Gospel pits a man’s life against the grain of life.

Conclusion: The Gospel is our spiritual nuclear weapon, and the cross is its warhead.

- The fact that Jesus died for me is the basis of me living for Him.

